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Warrant for the Annual Meeting.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst, in the County of Hillsborough in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said Amherst, on Tuesday the tenth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1 To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
- 2 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
- 3 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges
- 4 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for school purposes.
- 5 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of town poor.
- 6 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.
- 7 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the public library.
- 8 To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation, for a term of five (5) years, the saw-mill, to be erected by C. E. Putnam, near So. Merrimack.
- 9 To raise such sums of money as may be required to pay the tuition of scholars attending school out of town.

10 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for text-books and supplies for schools.

11 To see if the town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to construct a pipe-drain to remove the surface water from the vicinity of Mt. Vernon and Foundry Streets and Soldiers' monument.

12 To see if the town will vote to adopt Chapter No. 124 of the Public Statutes, relating to dealers in old metals and junk, establish the number of licenses and fees for the same.

13 To see if the town will vote to acquire the piece of land situated between the town pump and road passing by the west side of Common and between the two roads leading to the north and south of the common for a park.

14 To see if the town will vote to accept, without charge, and support the water-works of the West Cemetery, from the subscribers who have installed and for several years maintained the same.

15 To hear the reports of all town officers, agents and committees, and pass any vote relating thereto.

16 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal the twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eight.

CHARLES M. BARRETT,
LOUIS E. CLARK,
BENJAMIN F. McNAMEE,
Selectmen of Amherst.

Report of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS

Charles M. Barrett,	1st selectman	\$140 00
Louis E. Clark,	2nd "	135 00
Benjamin F. McNamee,	3rd "	130 00
Charles M. Barrett,	overseer of poor	8 00
Louis E. Clark,	" "	7 00
B. F. McNamee	" "	5 00
Horace T. Harvell,	services as spe- cial selectman	6 00
B. F. Whiting,	balance due for col- lecting taxes for 1906	35 00
R. H. Prince,	special tax collector for balance of 1906 tax	25 00
Henry F. Maxwell,	one-half salary as tax collector for 1907	60 00
W. D. Clark,	auditor (old bill 1906)	4 00
W. D. Clark,	auditor	4 00
E. E. Randall,	"	4 00
F. C. Taylor,	board of health	7 00
E. K. Burtt,	town treasurer	68 00
" "	sexton	87 00
E. E. Randall,	supervisor	5 00
F. W. Brown	"	5 00
A. M. Wilkins,	moderator	5 00
W. W. Sloan,	town clerk	55 00
" "	chief fire ward	10 00
F. O. Stevens,	" " (old bill)	10 00
" "	" "	10 00
James Ryan,	chief of police 1906	75 00
F. O. Stevens,	" " 1907	75 00

		\$975 00

TOWN LIBRARY.

Fannie L. Clark	\$200 00
Parker fund	34 43
	— — —
	\$234 43

Note with interest paid to Souhegan
National bank :

Principal	\$3,000 00
Interest	52 50

TOWN HOUSE

W. W. Sloan, supplies and care for town hall	\$65 10
C. D. Wilson, supplies for town house	1 20
Milford Electric Co., lighting	29 77
W. E. Billings, electrical supplies	24
	— — —
	\$96 31

WIRING TOWN HOUSE AND ENGINE HOUSE

J. Q. Hodgman, wiring town house and engine house	\$144 85
J. Q. Hodgman, extra work on town house and engine house	28 47
	— — —
	\$173 32

ROADS AT BABOOSIC LAKE

E. O. Hathaway, survey of roads	\$17 35
J. H. Dodge, road agent	325 15
	— — —
Donation for benefit of new road at Baboosic Lake	\$342 50
	\$25 00

SCHOOLS

TOWN POOR

Aid to Mrs. E. W. Peacock	\$82 00
Dr. Frederick Chandler, medical attendance on Mrs. Peacock	13 00
Mrs. A. C. Pearson	90 00
Aid to Charles Wyman	35 71
Aid to Austin Merrill	130 00
Aid to Mrs. A. T. Rideout	150 00
E. K. Burt, funeral expenses for A. T. Rideout	38 50
	—————
	\$539 21

SOLDIERS' AID

E. H. Taft, medical attendance for O. P. Smith	\$2 00
W. D. Clark, groceries for O. P. Smith	13 00
Sarah Lowe, rent for " " "	11 00
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	\$26 00

COUNTY POOR

W. D. Clark, goods for Mary Buckley	\$78 00
Aid to Mary Gardner	13 00
Frank Noble, care of John Dauley	1 00
C. M. Barrett, expense to Grasmere in care of Dauley child	7 50
Frederick Chandler, medical attend- ance to Perley Palmer	7 50
Frederick Chandler, medical attend- ance to Mrs. William Brown	2 50
Frederick Chandler, medical attend- ance to E. O. Chaplin	2 50
C. M. Barrett, expense of taking George Merrill to Grasmere	4 20

	\$116 20

WATER BILLS

H. H. Belden, rent for hydrant	\$6 00
P. M. Odell	3 00
D. H. Rhoades	3 00
Mrs. E. W. Nichols	30 00
John A. Hanson	2 00
Amherst Aqueduct Co.	30 00
E. H. Peaslee	3 00
H. T. Harvell	2 00
George P. Bennett	3 00
E. K. Burtt, water in cemetery	10 00
F. C. Taylor	6 00
Frank Hartshorn	3 00
C. P. Wheeler	3 00
Harry Boutelle	3 00
A. M. Philbrick	3 00

	\$110 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mark Bennett, supplies	1 75
W. D. Clark, "	8 53

C. W. Dodge, cleaning reservoirs	2 55
W. F. French, sulphuric acid	98
W. W. Sloan, pay for members of fire department	200 00
Cornelius Callahan Co., supplies	16 88
Milford Electric Co., lights for engine house	1 56
W. W. Sloan, expense for engine house	1 55
" " care of engine house	12 00

H. K. Barnes, fire horn for engine house	\$18 50
H. H. Parkhurst, putting up horn	10 71
F. C. Taylor, pipe and labor	3 85
F. O. Stevens, expense to Boston to purchase horn	3 00

	\$36 06

STREET LIGHTING

Milford Electric Co.	\$555 00
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

John H. Dodge	\$1,934 55
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AMOUNT RESERVED FOR PERMANENT HIGHWAYS

Amount unexpended in 1906	\$73 87
" unexpended in 1907	624 00

	\$697 87

SNOW BILLS

John H. Dodge	\$188 06
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POLICE COURT

A. M. Wilkins	\$25 00
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BROWN TAIL MOTHS

C. M. Barrett, bounty paid on moth nests	\$148 40
L. E. Clark, bounty paid on moth nests	123 50
B. F. McNamee, bounty paid on moth nests	347 73
W. B. Rotch, printing circulars relating to moths	3 50
Emma L. Clark, addressing circulars relating to moths	2 00
C. M. Barrett, postage and stationery	5 62
Munson Whittaker Co., removing nests from town property	73 77
Samuel A. Caldwell, labor	6 87

	\$711 39

ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1906

B. F. Whiting on Melendy estate	\$3 60
R. H. Prince, abatements for 1906	113 37

	\$116 97

ABATEMENT OF TAXES 1907

Henry Maxwell for Nelson Fosher	\$4 00
" " H. H. Belden	14 00
" " Alphonso Staples	7 00
" " Roscoe Parkhurst	3 00
" " E. J. Shattuck	6 80
" " Nathan Cady	2 00
" " E. K. Jewett	52

	\$37 32

COUNTY TAX

Arthur S. Healey	\$1,095 22
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STATE TAX

Solon A. Carter	\$1,400 00
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MEMORIAL DAY

Eben Meserve	\$50 00
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CEMETERY FUND

Parker fund, invested in Amoskeag bank	\$1,000 00
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DR.

To interest from bank	\$40 93
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CR.

A. C. Decatur, painting fence	\$4 00
E. K. Burtt, labor on Parker lot	2 50
Balance paid treasurer of library trustees	34 43
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E. K. Burtt, labor on cemefery lots	\$56 00
Robert Atkinson, cleaning slabs on Moore lot	3 00
Robert Atkinson, cleaning slabs on Converse lot	4 00
Robert Atkinson, cleaning slabs on Boylston lot	5 00
Robert Atkinson, cleaning base on Howard lot	6 00
I. H. Carlton, repairing Lydia Fulton headstone	2 00
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	\$76 00

MISCELLANEOUS

Advertising and selling Garrity place for taxes	\$7 54
W. B. Rotch, printing town reports	58 00
John Dodge, carrying men to Frank Chase's fire	1 50
Lilla D. Stott, searching secords	12 95
W. B. Rotch, printing selectmen's notice	75
Edson C. Easton, supplies	2 41
Emma L. Clark, copying	12 00
F. O. Stevens, service at McGuiness fire	3 20
J. B. Pettengill, trustee Lawrence school fund	81 15
R. T. Knight, labor in cemetery	18 90
C. L. Coggin, putting lock on town house	50
C. H. Burnham, mowing grass on common	1 00
A. C. Decatur, labor and stock painting doors and thresholds of church	3 50
J. H. Dodge, cutting brush at dump	7 75
W. W. Sloan, brush fire at Brown farm	43 22
“ “ “ “ Walker farm	6 75
A. H. Ogden, work at McGuiness fire	3 00
Geo. A. Jenkins, work at McGuiness fire	2 00
H. M. Parker, work on watering trough	3 00
B. Munson, work at McGuiness fire	3 00
Leslie Weston, “ “ “	3 00
A. W. Howison, drain pipe (old bill)	3 60
E. C. Eastman, town order books	2 16
A. J. Moody, services as justice	1 75
J. B. Pettengill, returning births and deaths	4 25
Eugene Wason, returning births and deaths	50
H. S. Hutchinson, returning births and deaths	1 75
Frederick Chandler, returning births and deaths	1 50

George S. Wheeler, tuning piano	3 00
F. T. Bouteille, work at McGuiness fire	3 00
W. B. Rotch, printing checklists and notices	11 75
Horace Harvell, mowing grass in cemetery	2 00
A. C. Decatur, repairs on engine house and setting glass in hearse house	1 45
F. C. Taylor, repairs for town house	1 25
" " " " Lawrence	
Engine Co.	1 85
" " supplies for board of health	5 75
" " repairs and care of water-trough	4 75
C. M. Barrett, expenses to Concord and Manchester and telephone charges	3 25
W. L. Cross, mowing grass in cemetery	2 00
B. F. McNamee, stationery, stamps, telephone and express charges	2 41
E. K. Burtt, labor and cash paid	29 55
" " postage and stationery	1 00
" " expenses to Manchester and Nashua	3 00
W. W. Sloan, care of town clock	15 00
" " returning marriages, births and deaths	15 00
" " notifying jurors	3 00
" " returning marriages, births and deaths not heretofore reported	2 25
Edward Weeks' work at McGuiness fire	3 00
J. H. Dodge, carrying men to Chestnut Hill fire	3 00

CHARLES M. BARRETT,
LOUIS E. CLARK,
BENJAMIN F. McNAMEE,
Selectmen of Amherst, N. H.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON
W. D. CLARK
Auditors.

Report of Treasurer

CASH RECEIVED

Balance in hands of treasurer Feb. 16,

1907	\$1,748 84
Insurance tax	8 25
Railroad "	268 25
Savings bank tax	1,299 61
Literary fund	140 30
School "	150 00
Hillsborough county	142 20
Police court	32 09
Licenses on dogs	221 40
Cemetery lots	36 00
Rent of hall	64 50
Interest on Mary Nutt fund	317 51
" " Parker "	40 93
H. W. Secomb, cemetery fund	50 00
W. D. Forsaith " "	200 00
Souhegan bank	3,000 00
Nashua Savings bank, Lawrence	
school fund	81 15
Sale of street light	75
B. F. McNamee, for license	6 00
R. H. Prince, tax sale	7 50
Taxes for 1906	1,590 10
Extra tax for "	17 10
Interest on tax "	60 79
Taxes for 1907	11,067 44
Extra tax " "	156 80
Interest " "	13 36
Donations for benefit of new road at	
Babooasic lake	25 00
	————— \$20,745 87

CASH PAID

State tax	\$1,400 00
County "	1,095 22
Memorial appropriation	50 00
Library "	200 00
Library, interest on Parker fund	34 43
Principal and interest	3,052 50
Justice	25 00
Highway	1,934 55
New Highway	342 50
Snow	188 06
Schools	5,664 41
Town officers	975 00
Water	110 00
Street lights	555 00
Fire department	245 80
Town aid	539 21
County aid	116 20
Soldiers' aid	26 00
Expenses of hall	96 31
Abatement of taxes for 1906	116 97
" " " " 1907	37 32
Interest on cemetery funds	82 50
Fire horn	36 06
Wiring town house and enging house	173 32
Destroying moth nests	711 39
Miscellaneous	407 89
Cash in treasury	2,530 23
	————— \$20,745 87

RECAPITULATION

Whole amount received	\$20,745 87
Paid on orders	18,215 64
Balance in hands of treasurer	————— \$2,530 23
Uncollected tax for 1907	1,369 98
	—————
Cemetery funds and interest in treasury	\$3,900 21
Balance against the town	4,128 59
	228 38

Respectfully Submitted,
E. K. BURTT, *Treasurer.*

Feb. 17, 1908.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account
and find it correctly cast and properly vouchered.

C. D. WILSON
W. D. CLARK
Auditor.

CEMETERY FUNDS IN TREASURY

		Int. due	Expended	Balance in Treasury
Lucy W. Blunt	\$100	\$ 7 39	\$ 1 50	\$ 5 89
Charles H. Nutt	300	45 10	11 50	33 60
Charles H. Campbell	400	31 51	2 50	29 26
Henry Howard	200	38 46	8 00	30 46
Sarah F. Upham	200	20 81	9 00	11 81
Laura E. Belden	200	31 41	3 00	28 41
Isaac B. Dodge	100	14 31	2 00	12 31
Mary W. Richardson	100	10 52	2 50	8 02
Bartholomew Dodge	100	8 46	0 75	7 71
Roxanna H. Cutter	100	13 31	2 00	11 31
Harriet F. Clark	100	12 25	4 00	8 25
M. Frances Moor	100	10 27	5 00	5 27
Henry C. Dodge	400	45 13	4 00	41 13
George Boutelle	100	5 69	2 50	3 19
John H. Clark	100	12 93	0 00	12 92
Mrs. James U. Prince	100	6 43	2 50	3 93
Lucy F. Boylston	300	27 63	7 50	20 13
Hannah C. Foster	100	6 58	2 00	4 58
Kate R. Hamilton	75	5 99	0 75	5 24
Mrs. James P. Nourse	50	4 32	0 75	3 57
Mrs. Charles McAfee	100	4 95	2 00	2 95
Chester Shipley	100	6 58	1 50	5 08
John A. Ober	50	2 62	1 00	1 62
Henry Merrill	100	5 35	0 00	5 35
Henry W. Secomb	50	1 30	0 00	1 30
Wilson D. Forsaith	200	0 29	0 00	0 29

MARY P. NUTT SCHOOL FUND

In savings banks		\$5,000 00
	DR.	
To interest from banks		\$317 51
	CR.	
By cash paid treasurer Board of Education		\$317 51
	E. K. BURTT, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

Report of Road Agent.

JOHN H. DODGE, ROAD AGENT, *In account with*
 TOWN OF AMHERST
 DR.

For highways, received of town treasurer, per order of the selectmen	\$1,934 53
Old lumber sold	75
Loan of pump	1 25
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CR.	
John Hadlock	\$8 35
L. F. Bill	2 20
A. W. Howison	15 20
P. M. Odell	1 57
Joseph Vetallel	3 50
Charles Pherson	8 51
A. C. Decator	33 65
L. E. Weston	3 80
J. A. Barker	7 68
W. F. French	52
E. A. Seabury	1 80
A. B. Black	25 00
Freight	41
J. B. Varick	5 85
James Pendergast	10 50
John Smith	9 00
S S. Merrow	14 63
Ed Chaplin	11 37
James Allard	9 63
Joe Gowett	1 75
J. M. Currier	1 63
D. Dube	28 26
J. E. Caldwell	57 13
H. H. Belden	14 30

W. P. Fuller	42	75
Frank Hartshorn	32	68
John Stifon	85	58
Joseph Rogan	92	15
William Jennings	115	90
Jacob Goldsky	92	05
B. Monson	84	88
Jacob Good	98	10
Ed Sown	144	63
Charles O'Neil	16	63
Guy Bill	40	78
B. West	54	51
W. L. Robinson	3	00
Clinton Adams	4	65
George Hanson	10	39
C. D. Wilson	5	18
Charles Converse	2	40
Charles P. Wheeler	4	14
Rhoades & Annis		30
J. H. Dodge	302	00
Team	410	79
W. D. Clark	15	05
Frank Vetallet	1	75
		— \$1,936 53

Respectfully submitted,

J. ~~U~~ DODGE.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON
W. D. CLARK
Auditors.

SNOW ACCOUNT

Amount received of town treasurer as per order of selectmen		\$188 06
W. L. Cross	\$5 60	
A. M. Philbrick	2 40	
J. E. Towle	7 50	
George Parker	1 30	
John H. Dodge	15 55	
E. H. Peaslee	4 80	
Estate of F. W. Chase	1 80	
Charles J. Upham	1 80	
J. A. Boutelle	2 60	
James Broderick	2 00	
L. H. Pease	12 70	
Frank Hartshorn	4 55	
O. S. Adams	11 70	
LaBoute & Co.	5 85	
S. S. Merrow	11 95	
L. F. Bills	10 12	
H. Boutell	4 20	
W. W. Goodale	3 15	
H. J. Cochran	21 60	
Voscoe Plummer	4 87	
John Harvell	10 60	
John MGtiness	2 00	
A. H. Caldwell	2 00	
Frank Shoren	97	
Nelson Merchant	2 20	
P. M. Odell	21 95	
E. C. Hubbard	6 80	
Frank Holbrook	5 50	
		\$188 06

Respectfully submitted
J. H. DODGE,
Road Agent.

Feb. 17, 1908.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account
and find it correctly cast and properly vouch'd.

C. D. WILSON
W. D. CLARK
Auditors.

Report of Tax Collector.

Amount of taxes for collection as assessed	\$12,430 40
Amount of extra taxes for col- lection	163 82
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Total tax for collection	\$12,594 22
CR.	
By amount paid town treasurer	\$11,067 44
" of extra taxes paid town treasurer	156 80
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	11,224 24
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Amount uncollected and in hands of col- lector	\$1,369 98

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Dr.	\$13 36
CR.	
By amount paid treasurer	\$13 36

H. F. MAXWELL, *Collector.*

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON,
W. D. CLARK,
Auditors.

REPORT OF R. H. PRINCE ON B. F. WHITING
ACCOUNT AS TAX COLLECTOR, 1906

Amount of taxes to be collected	\$329 22
CR.	
By abatements	\$113 37
cash paid treasurer	215 85

	\$329 22
Interest on taxes	10 77
Amount paid for sale of taxes on Garrity prop- erty	7 50

REPORT OF R. H. PRINCE ON B. F. WHITING
ACCOUNT AS TAX COLLECTOR

LIST OF ABATEMENTS OF TAXES, 1906

Charles Goodale	\$1 80
John Whiting	28 80
Patsy Baker	1 80
Charles Baker	1 80
Patrick Doyle	1 80
Charles Patterson	1 80
Fred Hanson	1 80
George Lenney	1 80
L. A. Clough	45 00
Truman Parker	13 29
John Brennan	1 80
R. Elliott	2 88
Patrick Hennessy	1 80
Frank Bills, taxed in another district	1 80
James Clarkin	1 80
Ed Chaplain	1 80
John Burns	1 80

	\$113 37

Report of Trust Funds.

TRUSTEES OF AARON LAWRENCE SCHOOL FUND

DR.

Balance Feb. 12, 1907	\$1,461 17
April 1, interest	52 50
July 1, received of the town treasurer final dividend from Nashua Savings bank	81 15
	—
	\$1,594 82

CR.

Deposited in City Guaranty Savings bank	\$1,461 17
July 1, 1908, deposited	81 15
	—
Making	\$1,542 32
Paid school board Feb. 10, 1908	52 50
	—
	\$1,594 82

Leaving a balance in our hands of \$1,542 32.

J. B. PETTENGILL,
D. A. FLETCHER,

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SPALDING SCHOOL FUND

The investments are as follows :

City of Nashua bonds	\$5,000 00
" Concord water bonds	3,000 00
Peterboro Railroad stock	1,500 00
Amoskeag Savings bank	500 00
	————— \$10,000 00

DR.

Dividend Peterboro Railroad stock	\$60 00
" Nashua city bonds	200 00
" Concord water bonds	105 00
" Amoskeag Savings bank	24 80
	————— \$389 80

CR.

Paid W. W. Sloan, treasurer	\$389 80
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FRANK HARTSHORN,
 WILLIAM PRATT,
 J. APPLETON SKINNER,
Trustees.

Report of Police Court

There have been five cases before the court the past year, all of them of a criminal nature. Two of them were discharged, the other three paid their fines and costs.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.	
To fines and costs	\$37 13
	CR
By cash paid town treasurer	\$32 09
" " for fees and complaints	5 04
	<hr/> \$37 13

The selectmen have drawn one order as follows:

For salary of justice	\$25 00
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AARON M. WILKINS, *Justice.*

WILLIAM D. CLARK, *Special Justice.*

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C. D. WILSON,
W. D. CLARK,
Auditors.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
 OF THE
AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

OFFICERS

President	Rev. Charles Ernest White
Secretary and treasurer	Mrs. Fanny L. Clark
Librarian	Mrs. Alice M. Wyman

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Fanny L. Clark,	term expiring March, 1908
Rev. Charles Ernest White,	" " " "
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Nichols,	" " " 1909
John H. Clark,	" " " "
Miss L. R. Fletcher,	" " " 1910
Aaron M. Wilkins,	" " " "

IN GENERAL

During the year the library has had good patronage, an average of nearly seventy books and thirty magazines being circulated each week, and about thirty books in the same period, among the families represented.

The wisdom of having a large number of the better class of magazines is continually being demonstrated in the wide use of them. Incidentally it is much desired by the trustees that the magazines should receive not *less* use, but *more careful* use, in order that they may be in better condition for binding at the end of the year.

It has been a period of adjustment to the new arrangement of the books, and by this time the advantages of the class system must be self-evident to all frequenters of the shelves.

The following figures give a statistical summary for the year:

Number of books issued	3,428
" " magazines "	1,560
Total circulation	4,988
Cards issued	280
Families represented	98
Number of volumes purchased	65
" " " " donated	11
" " " " bound	17
Total additions	93
Total volumes, Feb. 15, 1908	4,538

THE PARKER FUND

This fund has made it possible to purchase thirty books this year, and they are as follows:

- Bullen. *Our Heritage of the Sea.*
- Commons. *Races and Immigrants in America.*
- Cornish. *Public School Speaker.*
- Duncan. *Chemistry of Commerce.*
- Field. *Little Book of Western Verse.*
- Grenfell. *Vikings of Today.*
- Hadley. *Standards of Public Morality.*
- Kenelly. *Wireless Telegraphy.*
- McCook. *Nature's Craftsmen.*
- Paine. *The Greater America.*
- Roberts. *Haunters of the Silences.*
- Sakurai. *Human Bullets.*
- Stedman. *American Anthology.*
- Talbot. *My People of the Plains.*
- Van Dyke. *Studies in Pictures.*
- Wallington. *Historic Churches.*
- Wells. *Future in America.*

White. Our Wonderful Progress.
 Wordsworth. Poetical Works.
 Bowen. Master of Stair.
 Davis. Victor of Salamis.
 Hewlett. Stooping Lady.
 Howells. Through the Eye of the Needle.
 King. Rock of Chicamauga.
 Mason. Running Water.
 Oxenham. Long Road.
 Parker. Weavers.
 Van Dyke. Days Off.
 Watson. St. Jude's.
 Wharton. Fruit of the Tree.

DONATIONS.

Fortune has not smiled on the library this year in this respect and we record a noteworthy decline in gifts. Only four books, other than state documents, have been donated. Three by James W. Townes, and a manuscript record book of citizens meetings in Amherst previous to the Civil War, by Mrs. Emma P. Locke.

MAGAZINES.

Eighteen magazines have been on the list, and have been freely used, as noted earlier in this report. George H. Campbell, as in previous years, presented McClure's Magazine. William B. Rotch has continued his regard for the Library by the presentation of the issues of the Milford Cabinet for the year.

Would that there might be provided some method of storing the future bound volumes of this periodical, as the case, with its complete file, from the first volume of 1902, is now filled to overflowing.

The magazine list is as follows:

- The Bookman.
- The Century Magazine.
- The Granite Monthly.
- Harper's Magazine.
- The Ladies' Home Journal.

Little Folks (American edition.)
 The Munsey.
 McClure's Magazine.
 New England Magazine.
 Outlook.
 The Review of Reviews.
 Scribner's Magazine.
 St. Nicholas.
 Success Magazine.
 Talks and Tales.
 The World's Work.
 The World Today.
 The Youth's Companion.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

New Hampshire Annual Reports 1905-6, 4 vols.
 " " Surgeons of the Rebellion.
 " " Manual of General Court, 1907.
 Report of Library of Congress, 1907.
 12 pamphlets from Dept. of Agriculture.

BULLETINS OF NEW BOOKS.

As an experiment, a semi-annual bulletin of additions was issued in September, but did not appear to add to the efficiency of the library, so that simply an annual bulletin will now be issued, these bulletins are gratis and may be secured at the Library.

There follows the report of the treasurer :

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES.
by the president.

TREASURERS REPORT OF AMHERST TOWN
LIBRARY.

Balance	\$26 45
Parker fund	37 80
Appropriation	200 00
Fines	2 54
McClure's for 1908	1 50
Received Feb. 15, 1908, Parker fund,	34 43

	\$302 72

Librarian	\$50 00
Janitor	15 00
Cleaning	3 00
Books	67 19
Lighting	11 67
Printing	4 75
Binding	14 48
Wood and labor	25 25
Labor on grounds	3 75
Magazines	32 40
Magazine (old bill)	3 00
New stamp, pad, etc.	4 08
Postage, cards, etc.	3 34
Balance for binding	30 38
On hand from Parker fund	34 43

	\$302 72

FANNY L CLARK, Treasurer.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account
and find it correctly cast and properly vouch'd.

C. D. WILSON,
W. D. CLARK,
Auditors.

Amherst School Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Board of Amherst :

The close of another year brings us to a time of retrospect of the school work for my second annual report.

Throughout the country during the past year there has been a grand movement for outward progress, and the Amherst schools have been marching in the line.

The work which has been done and the improvements which have been made have been in a very quiet manner that has created no external commotion or special interest; yet there has been a gradual, steady growth.

To those who have had the opportunity of visiting and watching the daily work of the schools, the advance in system and methods of the work of our schools must be apparent. If all the taxpayers could keep closer in touch with the schools and learn of the work that is being done, they would feel much better satisfied with the returns we are getting for the money invested in our schools.

The highest aim of education should be to train manhood and womanhood for highest citizenship and the greatest enjoyment of the best and most there is in life.

The education of our schools is free to all, and the work is becoming more attractive and adaptable to the needs of the general public. The increase of interest in education is not due wholly to the fact that parents are becoming more anxious for their children to get a classical education, but that the schools are becoming broader in their scope, and the American conceptions of education at public expense are growing more comprehensive.

Instead of teaching grammar school children merely to do puzzles with symbols and to memorize barren inflec-

tions, we are, though too slowly, yielding to the up-to-date impulse to grant to all boys and girls, poor and rich the privilege of free schooling for whatever their proposed calling—their birthright to a start in life. The modern principle of free general education and training, if carried out to its legitimate results, has great possibilities, and may even help to solve the modern problems of labor, capital and finance. In this industrial age, our educational training ought to be directed to the training of skilled labor. This is of special interest to every taxpayer; and if the training of these workmen is at public expense and under public control, the questions of employment and wages will be settled on the fair and normal basis of efficiency and not be at the mercy of a trust of capital of money, nor a trust of labor.

This, however, is an ideal for the larger communities; yet the opportunities and advantages of our schools sufficiently warrant the introduction of the arts and crafts, or some manual training. The financial condition is the great objection to the introduction of this advance work, yet something can and should be done. We cannot begin everything at once, but we may foster worthy ideals and have definite aims.

A great effort has been put forth during the past year to have all pupils gain an ability for more intelligent reading; to acquire a better knowledge and use of the English language; to gain freedom of movement and legibility in penmanship; and to get a better knowledge of geography by a more definite study of the world's industries, their relation to natural resources, and the relations of situation, climate, natural resources, productions and occupations. Much of the study of geography has been far too abstract.

We are trying to give the pupils a practical, useable knowledge of the subjects considered. Modern methods and writers of modern Arithmetics are endeavoring to discriminate just what few things the child may work and drill on to gain the most useful results. In the past children have spent much time upon Arithmetic with disproportionately small results, either in accuracy or in reasoning. The development of the latter has been most sadly neglected. We are putting strong emphasis upon

this phase. The geometrical relations are more elementary than the complex symbolic language of Arithmetic. Children have been taught to juggle with figures without realizing or appreciating their content. They have learned rules and processes without the thought behind these symbols. Hence when the boy has finished school he is wholly unable to meet the simplest demands of the commercial world. The ability to work puzzles, and to clear up a very complex arrangement of figures may be commendable, but it is better that the child understand commercial terms and usages, and to be able to work every-day business Arithmetic.

We have by no means yet reached the goal, nor is the regeneration of Arithmetic complete, but we believe we have the clue upon the track of the monster who has puzzled the brains and worried the nerves of the children, and given but little in return. We aim to teach business and commercial arithmetic in such a manner in the lower grades that if the child should leave school from the sixth grade he may be better able to do the arithmetic necessary for general life, and that, ere long, the business men, who have so justly complained, may be better satisfied with the figuring of their clerks fresh from the schools.

In other studies the effort is likewise to emphasize the intent of the subject, based upon the principles and true values as distinguished from the accessory elements. So also in matters of discipline and morals. We are emphasizing the important scientific study of the individual child, his capabilities and needs. We are learning that the child is a somebody, that in nearly every child there runs a golden thread of efficiency, and it is the work of the educator to find which way the thread is coursing, and to so wisely direct it, and to so supervise his development that he will be in the line of success and will learn to share his own responsibilities.

We are emphatically seeing the lack of the parental training of the former country home, where the child was closely guarded and directed, and his duties of work were such that his idle hours for mischief and injury were very few. Just how the old-fashioned parental training is to be replaced by something as effective is not yet determined to everybody's satisfaction, and the transition

period is marked by this deplorable era of license of liberty tending toward hoodlumism. But we must not confuse the real ends with accidental conditions. Greater liberty of self-control will undoubtedly develop better manhood and stronger womanhood if the craft of life is not shipwrecked in battling with the storms of circumstances and environment while seeking the desired haven. In view of the present conditions, the minority of parents may stand more closely to virtue, but the work of supplying the moral home training of the past falls upon the schools. Our schools are doing this work well, and we solicit the help and co-operation of the parents in the disciplinary training of their children. They should stand with recognized authority as the sealers of moral weights and measures. Parents should treat with contempt the misconduct of their children, rather than treating it lightly or siding with them against the discipline of the school. It is a notable pleasing fact that, almost without exception, the discipline of our schools is very commendable, uncommonly good; but the conduct and moral influence of the children out of school is often far from what it should be. To better these conditions, as especially essential in the child's training, and for the best good of the community, the teacher needs the earnest co-operation of parents and friends.

Some have a feeling that our school system requires too much work on the part of pupils for their own good. It is true that the colleges are raising their standards and demanding more and more of the high schools, and in turn we must demand more of the grades, and care must be taken lest we run our train of progress to a speed destructive to the health of its passengers. Good health and vigor are more valuable than the best education secured at the expense of the loss of these. We are working with this clearly in view. A change of interests, gymnastic exercises, and a knowledge of the care of the body are safeguards against this evil. Manual training would be a great benefit to those who do not have the manual labor on the farm. Of grade pupils who are willing to work in school hours but very little, if any, home study should be required. That time should be free for manual work, recreation and profitable elec-

tive reading, and with a proper division of time it is needless for High School pupils to keep late study hours.

In opposition to the argument for the danger of over-work is the closer articulation of grade with grade, so that each teacher can take up the work where the previous teacher stopped, and the taking of each step carefully and thoroughly, thus avoiding the great loss of time in going back again and again; the improved methods of work, the broader training and the greater earnestness and efficiency of our teachers resulting in making every moment in the school room count for education,—these factors have made it possible that a larger education can be obtained in a shorter time.

Since the schools of the State generally are trying to follow, as a course of study, the "Program of Studies for the Common Schools of New Hampshire," it seems wise that our schools follow that course as nearly as possible. As the State course is arranged for eight grades, and our schools have a nine-year course in preparation for the High School, some changes were necessary. During the summer vacation the superintendent provided a Supplement to the State Course, adapting it to the nine-grade system. The course for the first six years was but slightly changed. The work of the ninth grade is largely review work and preparatory for the High School. Copies of the "State Course" with the supplement were placed in the desk of every school room. This course has been carefully followed, and nearly all work is now on schedule. In some cases it will take a little longer time to bring the work up to schedule, as the necessary amount of work has not been done in the past. The teachers now have something definite to follow. Generally the schools are well graded, and most pupils are working in the grade for which they are best fitted. While we aim to avoid being too mechanical, and we believe that promotion should depend upon development and ability, we are confident that when the system is in full working order it will be far more satisfactory, and will prevent so much "turning back" every term, or every time a new teacher takes up the work. The advantages of this systematic work are discussed above.

We are living in an age when education demands that

children learn something about many things. Considering the facts which have been presented, this can be done without injury to the child, for the opportunities are so great and the means so easy. We are decidedly too commercial in this age. There is too great a desire to specialize. Too often the child and parents question, "what is the use of studying that subject?" "What has that to do with 'making a harness?'" Specialists there must be in this age of division of labor, and we must lay a foundation with this in view; but it is a pity that so many interesting, useful, and really vital subjects must be neglected as the busy American child rushes on to his goal, stopping only to take the knowledge that will help him to excel in his specialty. Happy to-day the pupil that may go through school plucking blossoms and fruit by the way without being driven by the consciousness of what he is *going to have to be*.

We certainly must, as educators, lay more stress than ever upon thoroughness. Honest labor is the real basis of success. The world is coming more and more to realize the value of real worth, "pulls," and a striking ability to "catch on" are counting less. The boy who can do things; who does not look at the clock too often; the boy who can always be trusted and depended upon, who has the interest of the firm at heart, rather than to see how quickly jobs can be done, is the boy who is in demand and receives the quickest promotions.

We neer to develop power and efficiency. Personality counts tremendously to-day. Age may command reverence, but it is personality and efficiency that yields the power. Where can the young American knight go to-day to acquire the treasures of an efficient and refined personality? It is the public school which has proved itself to be the bulwark and fortress of this nation and the maker of its citizens. We make an appeal to the patrons and friends to support our school teachers in their vigorous efforts to inculcate that virtuous regard for property, social ideals, rights of others, morality and politeness, and an ambition to win success, in the minds and beings of the children.

Our teachers deserve the support and good will of the parents, and generally they have it, for which we are

grateful. With a union of purpose and effort the great and mighty responsible work of our schools will be a success.

SUPERVISION.

It has not been the aim of the superintendent to make any radical change in the school system or its operations, neither has he had time to visit or work publicly for the educational interests at large with the people. Be it admitted that a superintendent should do this, it has been impossible, for his time and interests have been entirely taken in looking after the details of the schools.

A complete course of study has been provided, and there has been a constant effort to bring the work to schedule and to improve the character of instruction in all lines. The schools have been constantly supplied with the necessary supplies for the most efficient work, at the same time striving for strictest economy. All schools have been supplied with a sufficient amount of supplementary readers, representing the three essential phases, literary, historical and geographical, with the necessary basal text books on all subjects.

The work of the schools has been carefully systematized with a complete, yet not cumbersome, system of reports and records.

Special examinations and tests now and then and two or three general examinations during the year are given all pupils by the superintendent. Considering the motive for which they have been given, the results are very satisfactory.

It is the work of the superintendent to have a general watch care and oversight of all the school work, to direct, guide, and help in every detail, internally and externally, connected with the school work.

Teachers' meetings have been held about once a month, sometimes more often. Addresses on general and particular educational subjects have been given by the superintendent and prominent educators of other places, with general discussions by teachers.

The duties of a superintendent are not very specific, but they are manifold. The public cannot get any right

conception of the amount or character of the work, or its results, except by personal observation or investigation. It is only by faithfully looking after minor details that improvements can be made and progressive work accomplished. This cannot be accomplished at once. It must be a gradual growth. While but little, which is strikingly notable, has been accomplished, we are confident that we are on the safe and sure road of progress.

No large enterprise can be the greatest success without expert supervision, and expert school supervision is a mark of onward progress, which is rapidly being generally adopted. It may have its disadvantages and faults, yet experience has shown its advantages, and that it is essential for progress.

The earnest co-operation of the teachers, pupils, and people, so far as they have been concerned, has been pleasing and commendable.

TEACHERS.

There is no need of adding anything to what was said in last year's report in commendation of the valued services of our faithful teachers. Our teachers have worked earnestly and faithfully to improve the appearance of the school buildings and yards and the general work of the schools. By faithfully keeping "at it" a great improvement has been made in the methods and results of instruction.

Not many changes were made from the corps of teachers last year. Miss Marietta Willoughby took the place made vacant by Mrs. Manning in the Acre School, and Miss Blanche Hillman took Miss Willoughby's place in No. 8. Miss Alexander was transferred to No. 7 School. Miss Ellen Pierce took the No. 9 School. Miss Duval was hired to teach the No. 6 School. Miss Josie Drown was elected as teacher of the village Grammar School, followed by Miss Kelley after Miss Drown's resignation at Christmas. Miss Mary Woodbury, who took the No. 3 School at the beginning of last spring term, has, with the earnest co-operation of the children, made a very great transformation of the school. The slight addition

to the salary has been money very well invested in this case.

Considering the salaries of teachers in other places, and of other professions, the salaries of Amherst teachers are *extremely* low. The average monthly salary of the Amherst teacher is \$30.80, while the average for the State in 1906 was \$36.54.

On the whole, our teachers are doing good work, and some are doing especially well, yet the district cannot long retain such teachers, and the schools must largely be experiment stations for teachers of little or no experience.

We wish to thank the teachers for the earnest, faithful service they have given regardless of the salary they have received.

THE SCHOOLS.

It is a deplorable fact that we have been obliged to change teachers so often in the Grammar School. We regretted very much that another change was made necessary by the resignation of Miss Drown, who accepted a more attractive position in Massachusetts.

We are endeavoring to follow the Course of Study in all of our schools, and in most cases the classes are on schedule and well graded. We are attempting to do as good work as any school in New Hampshire, yet, of course, it is impossible to get the same results as the better schools with the conditions under which we have to labor.

A very marked improvement has been made in all lines, as can be made very apparent to all who have or will visit the schools. Surely we have accomplished all that could be expected, yet it would be presumptuous to assert that the character of the work can be just as high as that of the larger well-equipped schools. If the grade of work which is being done is continued in a few years the good results will be very apparent. The difficulties with which the pupils of our grammar grades are struggling now are largely due to the great lack of thorough work which should have been done in the earlier years of their school life. Education is a process of gradual training, not a transformation which can be brought about in a moment.

or a year. The training which the children of the village Primary School are now getting, and have been for the past few years, will give a good preparation for the upper Grammar and High School work.

The new Frye Geographies have been put into all the schools in place of the old out-of-date, worn-out books. Some much needed basal and supplementary readers have been purchased, also a few histories for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. The schools are now fairly well supplied with books. It will always be necessary to buy books enough for the current needs, but the necessary appropriation for books next year ought to be far less than last year. New Language and Grammar books, which will cost about fifty dollars, ought to be introduced into the schools next year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The high school question was discussed quite thoroughly last year. The decision which was made by the school district at the last annual meeting was not only a wise decision, but it was the only thing which could be done. The state would not give an approval for a four years' course, neither could the district financially afford to equip the laboratory. The school has been approved during this school year for a two years' course.

The district has been very fortunate in retaining the services of Principal Rand, and the work has gone along smoothly and well.

It has been discouraging that the school has not had a better patronage. With the small number of pupils this year, the cost of running the school has been more than the tuitions would have been.

The prospects for the future of the school are brighter. There will probably be a graduating class from the grammar school of from six to nine. Some of these will undoubtedly enter the high school. There is some very good material in the classes which are to follow, yet there is no prospect of the school ever being large enough to make a good sized school, but it will be larger than it is at present.

Whether it will be policy for the district to maintain

a high school or not is a question which should be carefully considered and settled at the coming annual meeting. There are other phases of the question aside from the financial which should be considered. ,

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The village school building, aside from the lack of some modern conveniences and need of a little shingling, is in good condition. The furnace has been repaired so that it is possible to heat the building well now.

It is no more than fitting that we should mention in this report our appreciation of the good work of the village school janitor, Mr. Charles Dodge. The building and yard have been kept in an excellent condition. Among other minor improvements which he has made, the cellar has been cleaned, put in order, and the walls and ceiling made attractive by a good coat of whitewash. Generally people do not realize what an influence the care of the building and yard has upon the school. We sincerely hope that it will be possible to retain Mr. Dodge as janitor of the high school building.

The No. 7 school building was repaired and put in a very attractive condition before the school opened in the fall. The manner in which it has been defaced is a disgrace. The teacher and school officers have tried to prevent such use, and we trust that conditions will be better in the future.

The rural school buildings are generally in a fairly good state of repair. Some repairs are needed in No. 4 building, and slight repairs with plaster, paint, etc., are needed in No. 5 and No. 9. Some of the houses must be supplied with flag poles and ropes.

A very good, and much needed, bookcase has been put into No. 3 schoolroom, also one in the village primary room. A book cupboard is needed in No. 4. Enough can be saved in the care of books to make bookcases economical.

Good, and much needed blackboards have been put into Nos. 2, 3 and 5 school buildings. Some of the other buildings are much in need of better blackboards, especially No. 8.

At the order of the school officers and through the kindness of a neighbor, the Acre school building has been put into a comfortable condition, so far as warmth is concerned, but there is no possible means of ventilation, except by opening the windows or doors and thus causing a direct draft.

The sills, clapboards and timbers are badly decayed, and the building is generally in a gone-by condition, and as soon as the district can afford it a new, larger and more convenient building which shall meet the needs should be put up. This is the largest school outside of the village schools, and certainly needs better accommodations.

The teachers have used the most strict economy in the use of books and supplies. Taxpayers might lessen the cost of books by co-operation with the teachers in training pupils for better care of books. The careless manner in which some children handle books is a shame. One very unpleasant feature of the free-text-book system is the fact that the books must be handled, more or less, by all children, thus giving the great opportunity for the transmission of germs. Careless use of books increases this danger. We attempt to avoid this as much as possible.

COST OF SCHOOLS.

The yearly current expenses of education per pupil of the Amherst school children was \$28.56, while the average for the state as given by the last biennial report of the state department was \$23.96, only a few towns in the state having a higher rate. (It may have been slightly increased since then.)

The salaries of the teachers are very low, and the general conveniences and equipment of the schools are much less than in many other towns. The question comes, "what is the reason for the high cost?" A careful inspection will show that the large number of small schools, however cheaply they may be run, cost more than a few central schools. The geography of the town necessitates such a condition to some extent, but if the taxpayers of the town are anxious to lessen the cost of maintaining

the schools, they should be united to do whatever will be best for the schools. Some means of consolidation of the small schools seems to be the only remedy. By some consolidation of these small schools, the children will have better opportunities with better paid teachers and better facilities.

There are arguments for and against consolidation. Closing the schools temporarily need not mean forever, but until the number of pupils in a special district will warrant its reopening. The argument that this will lessen the valuation of the real estate is not well grounded.

Probably the best solution of the problem is to close three or four of the schools and provide suitable means for conveyance. The village building is ample for a large increase in pupils, and any of the rural buildings could accommodate nearly double its present number.

However, this is not a matter which the superintendent wishes to push unless it be the general wish of the voters of the district. It is merely suggested that the people may have opportunity to think of the matter, and it is recommended that it be considered at the coming meeting. We are anxious that nothing shall be done in the attempt to lessen the cost, that shall injure the character of the work of our schools. The schools of Amherst are making rapid progress, and though we ought to lessen the cost of the schools if possible, the people of Amherst cannot afford to do anything that shall lessen their educational advantages.

There is still some lack of knowledge, or misunderstanding in reference to the laws of school attendance and truant cases. Copies of the sections of the school laws pertaining to truants, non-attendance, employment certificates, employment of school children, etc., may be obtained on application to the superintendent. The justice of these laws is unquestionable, and it is not that we wish to make any annoyance, but it is the duty of the school officers to enforce the laws. The public schools are maintained for the good of the commonwealth, and all citizens are under obligations to comply with its laws and regulations. It is also the duty of every parent to loyally support the work of the teachers and schools in general.

Such support is always best for the individual children as well as the schools.

The general interest and loyal support of the people and of the school district in the welfare and success of the schools are very encouraging. Especially would we like to commend and thank the school children for their faithful attendance, good conduct and earnest work in school. This is not said as a matter of course. With a few exceptions the school children have done exceptionally well in conduct and school work.

We realize that the taxpayers of the district make a hard, faithful effort financially and otherwise to support and maintain our schools, and we believe that generally the children appreciate and are making the most of the opportunities they have. The people of the district have reason to be proud of their schools. The members of the school board have been loyal to the best interests of the schools, ever ready to give their time and energies to supply the needs.

The superintendent is very grateful for the personal and official favors and support which he has received from school officers, teachers, school children and people of the district.

Respectfully submitted,
CARROL H. DROWN,
Superintendent of Schools.

Report of High School Principal.

To The Superintendent of Schools:—

In 1907 the senior class of the Amherst high school did creditable work and were graduated with honor.

They were of progressive minds and have not halted on the educational journey. Nine went from our school; two are now at Cushing academy, Ashburnham, Mass., and one is teaching in a satisfactory manner in one of the Amherst districts.

The graduation exercises took place on June 28th, and the programme was as follows:

1 Duet	Misses McNamee and Dodge
2 Prayer	Rev. A. Mason
3 Song, "In the Merry, Merry May," <i>Mallard</i>	
4 Salutatory, "The Importance of a High school education"	Miss Grace Pettengill
5 "School of Long Ago,"	Miss Esther Hicks
6 "Our North American Indian of Today"	Miss Grace Piper
7 "The Importance of Character,"	Miss Leora Hadley
8 Song, "Blow, Soft Winds," <i>Vincent</i>	
9 The Early History of Amherst	Miss Nell Weston
10 Music	
11 "The Character of Portia,"	Miss Lillian Duval
12 "Railroad Accidents,"	Wilbert Parker
13 "The Pleasures of Life,"	Miss Annie Parker
14 Valedictory, "Higher Education for Women,"	Miss Jennie Holbrook
15 Song, "Swing Song," <i>Lohr</i>	
16 Address,	Supt. C. H. Drown
17 Presentation of Diplomas	

Owing to the expense and insufficient equipment in laboratories and teaching force, the town voted to reduce the

course from four to two years. This was to be an experiment, with the approval of the state superintendent.

Although we have been struggling with a great many difficulties this year, under the wise supervision of the superintendent, the school work has been good and is steadily improving. We owe much to the superintendent for his faithful, untiring efforts to benefit the school.

Let me here urge the parents not to keep a scholar out of school unless a real necessity compels. The absence of a scholar hinders his personal progress, if not that of the whole class. Also the scholar is apt to lose interest in his work, thus making it doubly hard for teacher and pupil. The attendance should be better and more regular. And the pupil made to realize that careful attention to present daily work and a broad education means a better salary later in life and a wider field of usefulness as a citizen.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. L. RAND,
Principal of Amherst High School.

Financial Report of School Board.

FOR YEAR ENDING FEB 15, 1908.

SPRING TERM

Dist. 1, E. L. Rand	\$219 66
1, G. M. Houghton	140 00
1, B. F. Irving	110 00
1, C. R. Nourse	99 00
2, E. P. Manning	96 00
3, M. E. Woodbury	96 00
4, B. T. Parker	84 00
5, C. M. Willoughby	84 00
6, J. E. Hamblett	84 00
8, M. I. Willoughby	77 00
9, Helen Alexander	77 00
10, B. M. Holbrook	91 00

	\$1,257 66

FALL TERM

Dist. 1, E. L. Rand	\$291 62
1, Josephine Drown	157 50
1, C. R. Nourse	142 50
2, M. I. Willoughby	120 00
3, Mary E. Woodbury	120 00
4, Velma V. Maxwell	90 00
5, C. M. Willoughby	98 00
6, Lillian Duval	90 00
7, Helen Alexander	105 00
8, Blanche Hillman	105 00
9, E. H. Pierce	105 00

	\$1,424 62

WINTER TERM

Dist. 1, E. L. Rand	\$155 54
1, L. E. Kelley	84 00
1, C. R. Nourse	76 00
2, M. I. Willoughby	56 00
3, Mary E. Woodbury	56 00
4, Velma V. Maxwell	42 00
5, C. M. Willoughby	49 00
6, Lillian Duval	42 00
7, Helen Alexander	49 00
8, Blanche Hillman	49 00
9, E. H. Pierce	49 00
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	\$707 54
Total amount teachers' salaries	—————
	\$3,389 82

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES

C. E. Hodge	\$2 25
Peter Clarkin	4 60
E. J. Bartlett	4 96
C. H. Wetherbee	4 75
Samuel Davidson	1 75
C. W. Dodge	52 50
Samuel Davidson	2 00
Peter Clarkin	3 35
Richard Weston	1 80
C. W. Dodge	49 00
Elgin Bartlett	3 42
C. H. Wetherbee	3 25
R. J. Hodgman	2 95
Helen Alexander	2 75
B. I. Parker	3 00
Helen Alexander	1 50
C. W. Dodge	24 50
Richard Weston	1 25
Samuel Davidson	1 75
Lillian Duval	5 50
C. W. Dodge	28 00

J. E. Hamblett	3 00
Elmer E. Hodgman	1 75
C. H. Wetherbee	2 00
H. R. Boutelle	1 75
Richard Weston	3 75
" "	1 75
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	\$218 83

FUEL

J. E. Fowle	\$1 50
Lemuel Fuller	16 00
Ralph Holbrook	14 38
Frank Hartshorn	2 00
Merrill Bros.	14 00
C. W. Dodge, sawing	4 00
George E. Farley	12 00
F. C. Taylor, coal	105 00
C. M. Barrett	17 87
Samuel Davidson, sawing	3 50
F. C. Taylor, coal	42 00
Merrill Bros.	3 00
Charles F. Haseltine	2 00
E. H. Peaslee	13 50
C. L. Trow	14 38
F. W. Noyes	15 00
" "	12 00
" "	4 50
E. G. Hodgman, sawing	1 25
C. H. Wetherbee, cutting	3 00
	—
	\$300 88

BOOKS, PAPER, PENCILS, MAPS, ETC.

Rand, McNally & Co.	\$1 19
Prang Educational Co.	2 73
D. C. Heath	3 43
J. B. Lippincott	3 20

Rand, McNally & Co.	7 25
" " "	3 60
" " "	13 22
James P. Melzer	1 37
W. B. Rotch	3 75
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	21 53
Rand, McNally & Co.	17 02
" " "	5 05
R. E. Lane	72
Milton Bradley Co.	3 70
" " "	65
" " "	2 89
D. C. Heath & Co.	3 64
Benjamin Sanborn	6 00
James P. Melzer	3 62
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	14 86
C. H. Drown	2 00
" " "	8 25
" " "	1 67
" " "	1 97
" " "	1 33
J. L. Hammett Co.	73 68
Milton Bradley Co.	6 56
Edward E. Babb & Co.	71 84
Ginn & Co.	70 85
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	1 61
Silver, Burdett & Co.	13 48
Charles E. Merrill & Co.	42 44
American Book Co.	30 39
Powder House Novelty Co.	48
C. H. Drown	22 84
McKinley Publishing Co.	2 28
	————
	\$471 09

MISCELLANEOUS

Tuition, Milford	\$45 00
R. M. Moore, pay of superintendent	25 00
" " " "	25 00
" " " "	25 00

R. M. Moore, pay of superintendent	25 00
" " " " "	25 00
" " " " "	50 00
" " " " "	125 00
Tuition, Bedford	11 00
Ordway & Kendall, livery	1 00
Christopher Lenz, carrying pupils	85 00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	1 86
W. D. Clark	2 00
C. D. Wilson	2 00
Christopher Lenz, carrying pupils	105 00
W. M. Chandler, " "	32 00
Christopher Lenz, " "	49 00
Frank W. Noyes " "	51 00
	————
	\$684 86

REPAIRS AND FURNISHINGS

W. D. Clark	\$18 76
F. C. Taylor	29 29
A. B. Melendy	6 00
Emerson & Son	21 25
C. W. Dodge	2 80
C. D. Wilson	7 63
G. L. Goodale	7 00
Alfred Elliott	1 00
C. H. Wetherbee	1 50
J. H. Broderick	2 50
C. D. Wilson	7 45
F. E. Sargent	2 61
A. E. Chickering	50
F. E. Woodward & Co.	32 27
Charles Pherson	5 50
C. W. Dodge	8 00
John P. Fletcher	26 82
John B. Varick Co.	5 70
E. J. Parker	4 25
Fred H. Merrill	2 00
George A. Jenkins	59 16
" " "	2 00

J. H. Broderick	23 40
A. P. Carpenter	10 52
D. H. Rhoades	75
A. P. Carpenter	14 30
Mrs. G. H. Powers, cleaning	3 00
" F. Goodale, " "	1 00
C. W. Dodge	9 40
American Express Co.	2 90
T. S. Merrow	2 50
E. P. Bartlett	1 15

	\$322 91

NUTT FUND

Edith Pettengill	\$1 10
E. S. Heald	2 25
H. S. Norwell	2 93
James P. Melzer	6 75
Balance Feb. 15, 1908	369 91

Balance on hand March 1, 1907	\$65 43
Received of treasurer	186 26
" " "	131 25

	\$382 94
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BALANCE SHEET

Amount required by law	\$2,100 00
Raised in school meeting	2,000 00
Spalding school fund	389 80
Dog money	207 60
Town of New Boston	47 55
Town of Mt. Vernon	12 50
Literary fund	140 30
Lawrence fund	52 50
Mont Vernon tuition	16 00
Amount of supt. salary, 1906-1907	300 00
Balance on hand March 1st, 1907	117 93

	\$5,384 18

Paid teachers	\$3,389	82
Care	218	88
Fuel	300	88
Books, paper, pencils, etc.	471	09
Miscellaneous	684	86
Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1908	318	70
	—————	
		\$5,384 18

REPAIRS—BALANCE

Balance on hand March 1, 1907	19	
Repair appropriation	500	00
	—————	
		\$500 19
Paid for repairs and furnishings	\$322	91
Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1908	177	28
	—————	
		\$500 19

W. W. SLOAN, Treasurer.

AMHERST, N. H., Feb. 26, 1908

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

ATTENDANCE

The whole number of scholars found enrolled upon the school registers during the year, between the ages of five and fifteen years, is 196. Above fifteen, 3.

The following tables give a summary of attendance as appears in the school register:

SPRING TERM

Schools.	Whole No.	Boys	Girls	Av. Att.	W'ks.
High	33	15	18	30	13
Grammar	21	10	11	18	10
Primary	26	12	14	22	10
No. 2	27	17	10	24	12
3	17	11	6	14	11
4	11	7	4	10	12
5	11	7	4	9	11
6	8	4	4	6	12
8	11	4	7	9	11
9	11	6	5	10	10
10	11	7	4	9	13
	—	—	—	—	—
	187	100	87	161	125

FALL TERM

High	11	6	5	8	14
Grammar	32	20	12	21	14
Primary	29	16	13	25	14
No. 2	27	14	13	21	14
No. 3	19	11	8	16	14
4	12	8	4	11	15
5	13	7	6	9	13
6	10	6	4	6	15
7	17	10	7	12	14
8	18	8	10	9	14
9	11	7	4	9	14
	—	—	—	—	—
	199	113	86	147	159

WINTER TERM

Schools.	Whole No.	Boys	Girls	Av. Att.	W'ks.
High	7	5	2	5	8
Grammar	26	17	9	24	8
Primary	28	14	14	25	8
No. 2	23	13	10	20	7
3	19	11	8	16	7
4	11	7	4	10	7
5	13	7	6	10	8
6	10	6	4	5	6
7	13	10	3	10	6
8	15	7	8	11	7
9	9	5	4	8	7
	—	—	—	—	—
	174	102	72	144	80

ROLL OF HONOR

Not Absent or Tardy During the Year:

No. 3, Richard Weston, Robert Weston.

No. 5, Lester G. Bartlett.

No. 9, Eva Gagnon, Arthur Jenkins.

Two Terms

High School, Arthur Greeley.

Grammar, Miriam Wilkins, Bernice Bills, Frank Pettergill, Rodney Hodgman, Warren Hutchinson, John McLaughlin, Leonard Merrill, Clyde Parker.

No. 2, Philip Clarkin, Herbert Elliott, Grace Elliott, Angeline Doucet.

No. 3, Dorris Weston.

No. 8, Elmer Hodgman, Willie Hodgman.

No. 9, Mabel Powers, Gladys Powers, George Gagnon, Alonzo Gagnon.

One Term.

High School, Marion Dodge, Ardis McNamee, Grace Pettengill, Elvene Taylor, Wilbert Parker, Forest Parker, Charles Randall.

Grammar School, Malcolm Clark, Paul Barnes, Warren Hanson, Harry Wilson, Harold Wilson, Marie Duval, Hazel Pettengill, Neva Sloan, Irene McLaughlin.

Primary School, Grace Stevens, May Stevens, Doris Bills, Helen Lorden, Madeline Taylor, Harold McNamee, John McLaughlin.

No 2, Antonet Bergenon, Lora Bergenon, Catherine Clarkin, Walter Doyle.

No. 3, Bessie Goodale, Dorothy Goodale, Henry Durand.

No. 4, Horace Boutelle, Beatrice Noble.

No. 5, Grace Bartlett, Elgin Bartlett, Ralph Nelson.

No. 7, George Odell, Leroy Odell.

No. 8, Walter Crooker.

No. 9, Mildred Hunnewell, May Gildard.

No. 10, Martha Wetherbee, Mildred Wetherbee, Leroy Odell.

W. W. SLOAN,
A. M. WILKINS,
S. E. DODGE,
Board of Education.

VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen :

In compliance with an act of the Legislature, enacted June session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report, I herewith submit the following:—

W. W. SLOAN, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1907.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Color.	Age.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Mar. 2	Concord...	Chas. P. Smith...	Amherst ..	52		Sec. foreman.	Carroll.	Wm. L. Smith	Alfred Comer, Me	Farmer	2	David Jack, clergyman, Concord
		Hattie C. Manning...	Waterloo..	49		Housekeeper.	Manchستر.	Amelia Cole	Whitfield	Farmer	2	
" 8	Wilton ...	James F. Broderick	Amherst ..	18		Painter.	Amherst ..	Nathaniel Manning	Manchester	Farmer	1	P. J. Scott, clergyman, Wilton
		Nellie A. Smith....	Milford...	18		Mill hand.	Milford	Nancy E. Smith	New York	Farmer	1	
April 24	Nashua ...	George K. Walker...	Amherst ..	56		Prop. dealer.	Amherst ..	James L. Broderick	Co Cork, Ire	Stone worker	1	
" 29	Conway ...	Jennie H. Young'n'n	Tyngsboro	44		Nurse	Littleton, Me.	Hannah Condod	St. Johns, N. B	Amherst	1	
		Herbert G. Upham.	Amherst ..	33		Farmer	Nashua	John C. Smith	Amherst	Amherst	1	
		Edith M. Bickford...	Conway...	32	All white.	Teacher	Conway	Mary O. Burns	Amherst	Blacksmith	2	Cyrus Richardson, clergyman, Naahua
May 18	Milford...	Chas. A. Rogers...	Amherst ..	38		Farmer	Ashland, Mass	George K. Walker	New Ipswich	Dunstable Mass	2	
		Anna M. Knight...	"	38			Upton, Mass..	Jane DeLattice	Waterboro, Me	Waterboro, Me	2	
June 6	Milford...	Peter Clarkin	"	32		Stone polisher.	Co. Caven, Ire.	Hannah M. Jones	Amherst	Nurse	1	
		Alice Garrity	Milford...	33		Domestic	Milford	Hiram G. Ward	Hopkinson, Mass	Farmer	1	
" 30	Amherst..	Chas. E. Weston...	Amherst ..	24		Sec. foreman.	Nashua	Peter Clarkin	Co. Caven, Ire	Mill operator	1	David F. Nelson, clergyman, Conway
		Maud Alice Perkins	Cape Neddick, Me	18				Catherine McGinnie	Madison	Mill operator	1	
								Thos. Garrity	Scranton, Pa	Mill operator	1	
								Ellen Follen	Amherst	Mill operator	2	A. M. Pendleton, clergyman, Milford
								Edw. E. Weston	Hopkinson, Mass	Mill operator	2	
								Christiana Woodw'd	So. Lyndeboro	Mill operator	1	
								Slover Perkins	Cape Neddick, Me	Mill operator	1	
								Mary A. Welch	Mary A. Welch	Mill operator	1	

MARRIAGES.—Continued.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.	
									Marriage.	Parents.
July 23	Milford...	Alfred Elliott...	Amherst ..	Laborer.	New Ipswich.	Henry Elliott.....	Mason.....	.....	2 F. A. Robinson, clergyman, man, Milford	.....
		Gertie Miller.....	Brattleboro 23 Vt	.....	Brattleboro, Vt	Charlotte Blanchard.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Sept 4	Amherst ..	Harry W Carpenter	Amherst ..	Clerk .....	.....	Martin B. Carpenter.....	Brattelboro.....	.....	1 A. Mason, clergyman, Amherst	.....
" 16 "	"	Jennie G. Peart...	Tanook, N. S.	Dressmaker	Clarendon	Alice O. Clough.....	Cornish.....	.....	1 A. Mason, clergyman, Amherst	.....
		Alfred Elliott, Jr ..	Amherst ..	Laborer	Tanook, N. S.	Joseph Pearl.....	Clarendon .....	.....	1 A. Mason, clergyman, Amherst	.....
		Lucy M. Landry...	"	.....	Tanook, N. S.	Hannah Stevens.....	Tanook N. S.	.....	1 A. Mason, clergyman, Amherst	.....
Oct. 8	Milford...	Elmer M. Gutterson	"	Clerk	Brookline	Alfred Elliott.....	New Ipswich	.....	1 A. Mason, clergyman, Amherst	.....
		Lizzie A. Hazen	Mt. Vernon 19	.....	Penacook	Nellie Creighton.....	Mason .....	.....	1 Cyrus Richardson, clergyman, Nashua	.....
Nov. 3	Nashua...	Jos. Malentant.....	Amherst ..	Laborer	Fred Landry.....	Fred Landry.....	Canada .....	.....	1 Cyrus Richardson, clergyman, Nashua	.....
" 6	Milford...	Nellie R. Gouett....	"	.....	Chas. H. Gutterson	Annie Flaherty.....	Canada .....	.....	1 F. A. Robinson, clergyman, man, Milford	.....
		Arthur W McGuin's	"	.....	Milford	Chas. H. Gutterson .....	.....	.....	1 F. A. Robinson, clergyman, man, Milford	.....
		Jennie W. Bobilee..		.....	Mt. Vernon	Mary E. Wilkins .....	.....	.....	1 Geo. F. Marshall, clergyman, Milford	.....
Dec 24	Manc'ester	Robert S. Bonelle..	Manc'ester 41	Carpenter	John Hazen	John Hazen .....	.....	.....	1 David Frazer, clergyman, man, Manchester	.....
		Luna A. Parkhurst.	Amherst ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 Luna A. Parkhurst, Amherst .....	.....

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. W. SLOAN, Town Clerk.

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1907.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
			No. of Child.	1st, 2d, etc. still-born,							
Jan. 3		Thomas G.	M	L	6	Thos. Gannelli.....	Aunie Declimi	Amherst	Stone cutter.	Ponlelandoff Il.	Westminster Vt.
" 15		F	S	4	A. Clifford Greeley	Ida Stevens	"	R.R. sec man	Londonderry Vt.	
Feb. 6		Joseph	M	.....	3	John A. LaBonta.....	Emma Lombart	"	Farmer	Waterloo, Can.	St Lawce Can.
" 18		George Main....	M	M	1	George E. Harrisb. n.	Ina W. Main.....	"	Farmer	Milford	Gloucester Mass
" 20		Helen Elvera....	.....	F	1	Benjamin Monson....	Maria Anderson	"	Laborer	Hokantrop Swe	Olfness Fin...
" 21		F	1	George Jackson....	Ethel Holland	"	Tanner	Concord	St. George N S.
Mar. 5		F	1	Ehno S. Robinson....	Lizzie F. Foster .....	"	.....	Concord	No Andver Mass
" 25		Beatrice G....	.....	F	1	Wm. Cainan.....	Iluha E. Brennan	"	Tanner	Cork Ire	Amherst
May 1		Kathleen E....	.....	F	1	John Turner	Maudie Yates	"	Mech'ic ve, NY	Mechinist	Nashua
" 12		George Edward ..	M	.....	1	John Turner	John Turner	"	Amherst	Amherst	Amherst
June 2		Clarebon Charl. s.	M	.....	7	George C. Taylor	Kate Ryan	"	Blacksmith	Forest N Y	Milford
" 30		F	1	John S. McLaughlin	Harriet M. Hayden	"	Methuen Mass.	Dublin	Amherst
July 20		Walter A. Bachelder	.....	F	6	Walter A. Bachelder	Phoebe J. Perkins	"	Farmer	Amherst	Wilmet
" 25		Margaret E....	.....	F	4	John J. Lorden	Rose E. Doane	"	Teamster	Charlesbown Ms	Amherst
Joseph A....		M	.....	4	Jos. A. St. Hilaire	Angelina Lambert	"	Farmer	Newmarket	St. Irene
Alma Elizabeth....		F	L	1	Arthur C. Richardson	Lizzie B. Mackay	"	Milford	Milford	Amherst
Edna Mabel....		F	L	5	Edw. Nelson	Emma Monson	"	Oland Swe	Oland Swe	Amherst
Raughold Edwin.		M	.....	1	Percy M. Odell	Clara M. Hammond	"	Carpenter	Amherst	Bow
George Irving....		M	.....	2	Chas. A. Vatcher	Emma P. Hayward	"	Teamster	Charlotteton PQ	Hooksett
Other Victoria....		F	L	2	Nathan O. Barnes	Cecilia Monson	"	Reitaed	Wilmington Ms	Sweden
Alfred	M	.....	6	Herbeit H. Belden	Laura S. Dodge	"	Reitaed	Hatfield Mass ..	Leverett Mass ..
Winfred Lester...		M	.....	7	Edward O. Chaplin	Carrie E. Rollerson	"	Laborer	Needham Mass ..	Athol Mass ..

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief

W. W. SLOAN, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1907.

Date of death	Name and surname of deceased.	Age. Years. Months. Days.	Place of birth.	Sex and condition. Male or Female.	Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
						Child.	Widower.		
Jan. 5	Mary R. Shepard	81 7 10	South Barre Vt.	F				Tilton	Sam. G. Richardson
7	Martha E. Bontelle	39 8 10	Corinth Me...	F				Corinth Me...	Sallie Towne
15	...	...	Amherst	F				John Bontelle	Enidie M. Blake
Feb. 26	Stena I. Raymond	14 1 23	Goffstown	M				Al Clifford Greeley	Ida Stevens
22	Joseph P. Trow	80 4 26	Mont Vernon	M				Levi Raymond	Arville H. Richards
21	...	...	Amherst	F				Mont Vernon	Sarah Perkins
15	Ellen S. Daniels	58 3 12	Milford	F				St. George Me...	Ethel M. Holland
2	Mary F. Barrett	84 7	Amherst	P				Franklin Mass.	Susan E. Lovejoy
5	...	...	...	M				Amherst	Nancy Rhoads
4	Abby M. Mori	73 2 21	Wakefield	F				Concord	Lizzie F. Fo-te
22	Chas. J. Clark	68 10 4	Amherst	M				Wakefield	Daniel W. Parnham
Apr. 22	George Towne	65 1	Mont Vernon	M				Amherst	Thos. J. Clark
May 3	Abel T. Rideout	88 1 10	Milford	M				Mont Vernon	Lucy Clark
5	Maude Margaret Turner	25 9 18	Nashua	M				Mont Vernon	Jane Trow
13	Frank Whiting	51 13	Amherst	M				Wilton	Jacob Rideout
June 27	Frances E. Gage	43 5	Merrimack	F				Nashua	Sarah Simonds
July	Alma Alveda A. Sanford	1 1	Boston Mass.	F				Wilton	Catherine E. Dowley
8	Aviaro F. Annis	54 9 22	Dunbarton	M				Wm H. Handley	Xinday S. Peasle
18	Fred W. Goss	27 24	Springfield Mass.	M				Farmer	Mary A. Mc-ure
Sept 25	James Cochran	78 21	...	M				Irland	James Fields
Oct 16	Frances E. Noyes	72 6	Merrimack	F				Farmer	John Sanford
Nov 4	Samuel B. Webster	67 8	Fairfield Me...	M				Sweden	Ida Monson
23	May Elizabeth Clarkin	4 3 10	Amherst	F				Dunbarton	Henrietta S. Stinson
Dec. 11	Evelyn Alice Potter	3 15	Somerville Mass.	F				Springfield	Sophronia J. Bailey
25	Alfred Belden	1 6	Amherst	M				Hanover	...

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

W. W. SLOAN, Town Clerk.

